



2182

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE: Patent Application Serial No. 09/844,291  
APPLICANT: Hibbard, Richard  
ASSIGNEE: Fortress Technologies, Inc.  
TITLE: NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE HAVING PRIMARY AND  
BACKUP INTERFACES FOR AUTOMATIC DIAL BACKUP UPON  
LOSS OF A PRIMARY CONNECTION AND METHOD OF USING  
SAME  
FILING DATE: 04/27/2001  
EXAMINER: Gaffin, Jeffrey A.  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2182

STATUS REQUEST

RECEIVED

APR 14 2004

Technology Center 2100

Mail Stop – Status Request  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

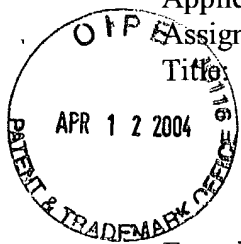
The subject patent application was filed on April 27, 2001, as shown by the enclosed photocopy of the Filing Receipt.

In view of the long period of time since the filing of that application, Assignee, through its undersigned attorney, respectfully requests to be informed of the status of the application. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette M. Marteny  
Registration No. 53,273  
CARLTON, FIELDS, P.A.  
P.O. Box 3239  
Tampa, FL 33601-3239  
(813) 223-7000  
Attorney for Assignee

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



Applicant:

Hibbard, Richard

Serial No. 09/844,291

Assignee:

Fortress Technologies, Inc.

Filed: 04/27/2001

Title:

NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE HAVING  
PRIMARY AND BACKUP INTERFACES FOR  
AUTOMATIC DIAL BACKUP UPON LOSS OF A  
PRIMARY CONNECTION AND METHOD OF USING  
SAME

Group Art Unit: 2182

Examiner:

Gaffin, Jeffrey A.

Status Request

Page No. 2

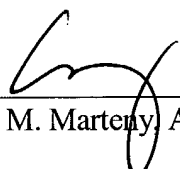
RECEIVED

APR 14 2004

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Technology Center 2100

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop – Status Request, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on the date set forth below.

  
Suzette M. Marteny Attorney of Record

Date

4/7/04

cc: Fortress Technologies, Inc.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY. DOCKET NO.	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/844,291	04/27/2001	2152	840	28945-042	4	14	2

CONFIRMATION NO. 1045

## UPDATED FILING RECEIPT



\*OC000000006467720\*

Proskauer Rose LLP  
Patent Department  
1585 Broadway  
New York, NY 10036

Date Mailed: 08/24/2001

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

## Applicant(s)

Richard J. Hibbard, Bradenton, FL;

## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

THIS APPLN CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/199,995 04/27/2000

## Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 06/22/2001

Projected Publication Date: 11/29/2001

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

## Title

Network interface device having primary and backup interfaces for automatic dial backup upon loss of a primary connection and method of using same

## Preliminary Class

709

RECEIVED

APR 14 2004

Technology Center 2100

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Data entry by : SALEEKUL, SIRILUCK

Team : OIPE

Date: 08/24/2001



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

**LICENSE FOR FOREIGN FILING UNDER  
Title 35, United States Code, Section 184  
Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 5.11 & 5.15**

**GRANTED**

The applicant has been granted a license under 35 U.S.C. 184, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" followed by a date appears on this form. Such licenses are issued in all applications where the conditions for issuance of a license have been met, regardless of whether or not a license may be required as set forth in 37 CFR 5.15. The scope and limitations of this license are set forth in 37 CFR 5.15(a) unless an earlier license has been issued under 37 CFR 5.15(b). The license is subject to revocation upon written notification. The date indicated is the effective date of the license, unless an earlier license of similar scope has been granted under 37 CFR 5.13 or 5.14.

This license is to be retained by the licensee and may be used at any time on or after the effective date thereof unless it is revoked. This license is automatically transferred to any related applications(s) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d). This license is not retroactive.

The grant of a license does not in any way lessen the responsibility of a licensee for the security of the subject matter as imposed by any Government contract or the provisions of existing laws relating to espionage and the national security or the export of technical data. Licensees should apprise themselves of current regulations especially with respect to certain countries, of other agencies, particularly the Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (with respect to Arms, Munitions and Implements of War (22 CFR 121-128)); the Office of Export Administration, Department of Commerce (15 CFR 370.10 (j)); the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of Treasury (31 CFR Parts 500+) and the Department of Energy.

**NOT GRANTED**

No license under 35 U.S.C. 184 has been granted at this time, if the phrase "IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED" DOES NOT appear on this form. Applicant may still petition for a license under 37 CFR 5.12, if a license is desired before the expiration of 6 months from the filing date of the application. If 6 months has lapsed from the filing date of this application and the licensee has not received any indication of a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181, the licensee may foreign file the application pursuant to 37 CFR 5.15(b).

**PLEASE NOTE the following information about the Filing Receipt:**

- The articles such as "a," "an" and "the" are not included as the first words in the title of an application. They are considered to be unnecessary to the understanding of the title.
- The words "new," "improved," "improvements in" or "relating to" are not included as first words in the title of an application because a patent application, by nature, is a new idea or improvement.
- The title may be truncated if it consists of more than 500 characters (letters and spaces combined).
- The docket number allows a maximum of 25 characters.
- If your application was submitted under 37 CFR 1.10, your filing date should be the "date in" found on the Express Mail label. If there is a discrepancy, you should submit a request for a corrected Filing Receipt along with a copy of the Express Mail label showing the "date in."
- The title is recorded in sentence case.

Any corrections that may need to be done to your Filing Receipt should be directed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Office of Initial Patent Examination  
Customer Service Center  
Washington, DC 20231

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**